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It appears to be a fact that both of the great "railroad kings"-W. H. Vaderbilt and Jay Gould-are in very poor health, and find it necessary to take a rest. What · profiteth it a man if he succeeds in accumulating the riches of Cresus, but loses his

It is estimated that over \$4,000,000 worth of property has been destroyed or damaged by floods in the state of Indiana alone. Every city, village and town on the Ohio river and other streams suffered to a greater or less extent.

contact has found without difficulty a basis
of calculation for possible democratic stealed to a greater or less extent.

The total production of iron and steel 1,683,794 net tons; Penusylvania made 850,908 tons; Illinois, 362,260 tons; Ohio. 130,806 tons; New York, 155,021 tons; Missouri, 85,528 tons.

States for 1880 are valued in the last census at \$50,876,154. In 1870 they were was mostly in Sonthern states, crops in the Northern fruit-growing states, for 1880, below the average.

The estate of the late William E. Dodge. of New York, is valued at \$5,000,000. His will divides the bulk of his property between his widow and children, gives goodly sums to other relatives and to faithful employes, and bequeaths large amounts to several religious and charitable institu-

An Indiana journalist, after traversing the flooded section of the state, estimates the damage to property at \$3,155,000. Over 6,000 residences have been swept away or wrecked, and 85,000 persons are at present dependent upon charity for food and clothing.

Mrs. Fanny Driscoll White, Milwaukee's favorite young poetess, is lying at the point of death at the home of her parents, in that city. She is the wife of Mr. Henry Ten Eyck White, of the editorial staff of the Chicago Tribune. They were but recently married.

Such a general flood-disaster has never been known before in the Ohio valleyas that caused by the present freshet. The aggregate loss, if it could be accurately computed, would show startling figures. And, what makes it still worse, is the fact that none of this immense loss is even partially covered by insurance.

A resolution has been introduced in the Texas senate for a committee to ascertain if the contract with Chicago parties for the construction of a state capitol cannot be annulled, it being alleged that the lands given for that purpose are worth from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000. This concerns Congressman C. B. Farwell, and Colonel Abner Taylor, of Chicago.

The deposits in the savings banks of the state of New York for the year 1882 increased nearly \$30,000,000 over the year previous. This increase represents for the most part savings of the working classes. The legislature is asked to throw greater safeguards around the management of these institutions, and the request should be complied with.

It is now known that the number of lives lost in the recent Braidwood coal mine widows is fifty, and the number of children rendered fatherless is about a hundred. Liberal relief is arriving from Chicago and \$10,000.

The people of Rockaway Beach, near New York, are agitated over the tidal wave predicted for the 9th or 10th of March. The great wave, according to feet above high water mark. The numerous disasters that have already occurred this year have caused the hotel men to feel superstitious, and their families are so badly frightened that some of them will leave the beach March 1.

A Colorado correspondent, writing to a paper at Freeport, declares, that ex-Lieu tenant Governor Tabor bought up members of the legislature at the rate of \$2,-000 apiece to secure the election of United States senator, and says the only thing for which Tabor is at all remarkable is the fact that he made a big strike in a Leadville silver mine, and that the only qualification he has for senator is his supposed wealth. apiece for the votes he received for the senatorial short term, how much did it cost Bowen, another supposed bonanza to have bestowed much care, the most of man by firing at him his own weight in man, to secure the long term? And, in them now covered with fully twenty-six lead bullets. But the modern rifle in the

becoming a senator by such means?

New York World: The Norwalk Gazette asks the attention of its readers to a state-ment of moreys stolen by democratic offiof \$1,250,000, and invites them to calculate how much the democrats would steal out of the national treasury if they once got a crack at it. Well, the thing can be calculated on that basis. \$1,250,000 divided by five would give \$250,000 per state of democratic stealings, and this sum multiplied, for coovenience sake, by 40, would give \$10,000,000 for a democratic crack at the federal strong box. How gladly would the people of the United States have compromised with what the Gazette truthfully but cuttingly calls the "scalawag republicans" for stealings of only \$10,000,000 a year for the past twenty years! The Gaings, but no one can find such a norm for the actual republican robberies already rails in the United States last year was accomplished. Their name is legion and their influence is everywhere. Every man, woman and child in the republic has paid and pays hourly a contribution to the inconceivable sum in the cost of govern-The orchard products of the United tates for 1880 are valued in the last cens at \$50,876,154. In 1870 they were safe. If the thefts had been but \$50,000. over \$47,000,000. This slight increase | 000 a year all these necessaries of life would have been cheaper to every one, and the Wazette might have qualified its sweep-

### ILLINOIS.

THE LATE SAMUEL J. MEDILL.

ing denunciation of its own party.

SPHINGFIELD, Feb. 21 .- A meeting of representatives of the local press and gentlemen connected with the press in different parts of the state, was held here this evening in the Island House, with Paul Selby, Esq., in the chair, to take action relative to the death of Samuel J. Medill, of the Chicago Tribune. Appropriate resolutions were adopted, and ordered engrossed and transmitted to the widow and friends of the deceased. The resolutions adopted are as follows:

WHEREAS, The sad intelligence as conveyed to us of the death of Samuel J. Medill, late managing editor of the Chicago Tribune, and ex-president of the Chicago club, we, as representatives of the journalists of this city and state, do tender our sincere sympathy to the widow and family of our late colleage whose sorrows we share and whose loss we deeply feel. In his death our profession has lost one of its ablest representatives and one of its brightest ornaments, to whose ability, on the most intimate and friendly terms, energy and industry, the success of one of He was not eminent on the floor, but was the leading journals of the country is invaluable as a committeeman. We were largely due; and wnose example is worthy of imitation by the entire newspaper frater-

It is probable a committee of the press from here will attend the funeral. CHICAGO PRESS CLUB.

CHICAGO, Feb. 21 .- The Chicago Pres. Club met this afternoon to take appropriate action in respect to its late president, Smanel R. J. Medill, who died at Quincy vesterday. A committee of escort was appointed, which left to night to accompany the remains to the city. The fu-neral will be held Saturdsy, and a memorial meeting of the Press Club will be held | ing touching all matters on which we were

A WEAK-MINDED MILLIONAIRE. CHICAGO, Feb. 21. -In the case of the alleged insanity of Hon. Perry H. Smith, the well-known millionaire, the jury this afternoon brought in a verdict to the effect that he is a distracted person. tion for the appointment of a conservator of his estate will be made in a few days. SMALL POX.

SPRINGFIELD, Feb. 21.-A telegram to the state board of health announces that six claerly defined cases of small pox are reported at Propolis, Hamilton county. Vaccine virus and necessary instructions have been sent to the local health officers.

### A MOVING BUG.

[Correspondence Dablin Express.] Having heard many reports about this moving bog, I resolved to visit the scene of devastation. Never have I witnessed as strange a phenomenon. About middisaster is eighty one. The number of night between Castlerea and Bellenagare, a distance of six miles, there is a gently sloping vale abounding in rich meadow and pasture lands. The road at this point is somewhat higher than the adjacent armaments. Beside the waste of ammunielsewhere, and an emergency bill has been fields. Along this valley the bog has introduced in the legislature, appropriating forced its way. On reaching the road it was held in check for a considerable time, but eventually it burst across and rushed with amazing rapidity, covering in its course upwards of 120 acres of fine pasture lands. One farm-house stands quite surrounded with the mud, the occupants having to flee for their lives, leaving behind a cart, on which they were busily Wiggins, will cause the tide to rise forty heaping some of their forniture. All com munication between Castlerea and Rellinagare is cut off, huge masses of bog coated with hether, remaining on the road for nealry a quarter of a mile fully 10 feet deep. Being anxious to view the source from which it issued. I sarted up the field towards the bog. I found it commenced towards the bog. I found it commenced guns can obtain by changing the side of about half a mile from the road, having the ship engaged. It is mainly the guns formed a large subsidence of amazing extent, fram which a stream of mnd was still irresistably forcing its way. The gigantic masses of hog borne along, in apparently sportive mimircy baffle discription. I entered a cabin on the outskirts of the bog, which I was surprised to find clean and comfortable despite its gloomy surround- man by the discharge of the guns weight ings. The old man told me that this bog in shot. In other words, three tons of 32had been showing signs of moving for many years back. He attributes the cause to defective drainage, the water having scarcely any outlet. He stated that it The question is, if it cost Tabor \$2,000 started very suddenly, reaching the road should also be remembered that the innearly half a mile distant, in less than ten troduction of rifled muskets into the army minutes. He sorrowfully pointed out to has had a somewhat similar result. The me his fine little fields, on which he appears told Brown Bess, as it was called, killed a

either case, how much honor is there in feet of bog. It has now forced its way in- hands of the soldier does not effect a fatal the River Suck, which flows through this ity until it has discharged twice the man's the River Suck, which flows through this town, and immense quantities are passing towards Ballinisole. Some care and supervision will be required at the various bridges along the Suck to prevent their being filled up. Rain still continues to fall very heavily, and more serious results are cials in five Southen states to the amount very heavily, and more serious results are apprehended.

### AN UUFINISHED POEM BY BRYANT March Century.

The reader of Mr. Bryant's poems will readily remember the many verses addressto his wife, such as "Oh fairest of the Rural Maids." written about the time of their marriage; 'The Future Life,' speculating as to the union of their spirits in the world to come; the "Sick-Bed," de-scribing an illness; "The Life That Is," rejoicing in her recovery; "The Twenty-seventh of March,"—the birthday of Mrs. Bryant; "October, 1866," descriptive of her death and burial; and "May Evening," a gentle reference to her loss. But in addition to these, as we learn from Mr. Godwin's forthcoming biography of the peet, a fragment was found among his papers, which recells her memory in a very tender way, seven years after her death. The lines were unfinished and uncorrected; but we cannot refrain from giving them as them were written—dated 'Roslyn 1873."

The morn hath not the glory that it wore, Nor doth the day to beautiful die, Since I can call thee to my side no more, To gaze upon the sky.

For thy dear hand, with each return to Spring, I sought in sunny nooks the flowers she gave; I seek them still, and sorrowfully bring The choices, to thy grave. Here, where I sat alone, is sometimes heard,

From the great world, a whisper of my name. oined, haply, to some kind, commending word. By those whose praise is fame.

And then, as if I thought thou still wert nigh.
I turn me, have forgetting thou art dead.
To read the gentle gladness in thine eye
That once I might have read. I turn, but see thee not; before my eyes
The image of a hillside mound appears
Where all of thee that passed not to the skies
Was laid with bitter tears

And I whose thoughts go back to happier days
That fl. d with thee, would gladly now resign
All that the world can give of fame and praise
For one sweet look of thine.

Thus, ever, when I read of generous deeds, Such words as thou didst once delight to hear, My heart is wrung with anguish as it bleeds. To think thou art not near.

And now that I can talk no more with thee Of anciest friends and days too fair to last, A bitterness blends with the memory Of all that happy past. Oh, when I

### THE JUNIOR'S TRIBUTE TO THE SENIOR. New York Herald,

Mr. Conkling's tribute to the great public and private virtues of the late Gov. Morgan, whose funeral, with the President of the United States as a pallbearer, is to take place this afternoon, was obtained and printed yesterday by the World newspaper. "He and I were senators together," says Mr. Conkling, "and was always together in the senate when Andrew Johnson was impeached and tried, and I believe in respect of every article and every specification, and there were a great many, our votes were alike."

This method of complimenting Gov Morgan is suggestive of a story told of the late Senator Sumner, of Massachusetts who was asked by an eminent Philadelphia divine, in one of the most stirring epochs of public affairs, "What is the news?" and

replied, "I feel somewhat better to-day. Mr. Conkling adds: "We always had the most thorough and cordial understand to act as senators." The fact is that Gov. Morgan was Mr. Conkling's senior in the senate by many years, and the junior senator's term had been running scarcely twelve months at the time of President Johnson's impeachment.

Mr. Conkling is silent concerning the most important opportunity he ever had for test fying his appreciation of Gov. Morgan, s merits in politics. We refer to the republican national convention at Cincinnati in 1876. It would have added a very interesting page to political history if Mr. Coukling, in his tribute, had given a full and faithful narrative of the obstacles which were interposed to a union of the New York delegation upon Gov. Morgan as a candidate for the presidency. In event of such a union it was the opinion of calm observers that Gov. Morgan, and not Gov. Hayes, would have received the nomination of the convention. We, forbear to discuss the consequences of that frustrated possibility.

This decadence of navel shooting is a growth, growing with sucessive improve ments in navel architecture and naval tion and of destructive power, its injurious effect on our own guns increases with their size. One of the highest author ites on naval tactics, Capt. P. H. Colomb royal navy. some years ago, estimated from data furnished by target practice at sea that a heavy gun must be discharged 50 times to one effective hit. Subsequent observation tends to confirm this comput ation. The shooting of the Shah and Amethyst was inferior to this estimate, their target being in rapid motion. But the endurance of heavy ordnance decreases rap idly as the guns increase in weight. And the introduction of turrets necessitates the same gun doing duty for both broadsides; without that relief which broadside with a varying angle of grooves for the riffing which thus suffer. The serious effect of 50 rapid discharges per effective hit on the ensurance of the heavier ord-nance renders it advisable to increase the percentage of hits if possible. The old smooth bores were credited with killing a

less than fifty discharges from naval ordnance might be made to accomplish an effective hit. The navel shooting at Alex andria was under exceptionally favorable conditions, which had verry little resemblance to that of a fight between hostile ships. The forts were, of course, fixed objects marked on the charts, so that the range could be readily ascertained by cross-bearings, without the use of range finders. Moreover, the ships were in smooth water and had little rolling motion so that the absence of muzzle sights was not much felt. The discharges per gun were also few in number, and by no means rapid, so that the endurance was not much tried. The naval artillerist did their work well, but that should not shut the eyes of authorities to the necessity of higher training for the more difficult shooting at moving obtects on the high seas .- (Com mauder W. Dawson, Royal Navy-Col burn's United Service Magazine.

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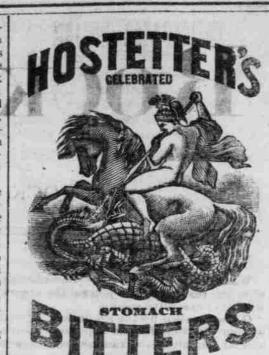
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